Development of island by Pvt. Sector

1179. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the plan of his Ministry to lease out two islands in the Lakshadweep group of islands for the development of tourist resorts has run into trouble because of inadequate spade work and inept handling; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Offers received for development of two island resorts in Lakshadweep were considered low in relation to the compensation payable for the land. As such it has been decided to reject these offers.

Expansion of Agartala airport

1180. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to expand the Agartala airport in view of the fact that heavy machineries were to be carried by big transport planes for gigantic power plants in Tripura;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Energy who had mooted the proposal for expansion of Agartala airport during 1990-91 to make it suitable for operation of heavy aircraft for transporting the machinery required for Rokhia Gas based power plant, has not pursued their proposal further.

बद्रीनाथ केदारनाथ परिपथ पर पर्यटन सुविधाओं का विकास

1181. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा बद्रीनाथ-केदारनाथ तीर्थ परिपथ पर पर्यटकों हेतु आधारभूत सुविधाएं विकसित करने के लिए भेजे गए प्रस्ताव की जांच पूरी कर ली है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार का अंतिम निर्णय क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) बद्रीनाथ-केदारनाथ मन्दिर मार्ग पर पर्यटकों के हुए मूलभूत सुविधाओं का विकास करने हेतु केन्द्र सरकार को निम्नलिखित प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं :—

(1) नन्द प्रयाग में टैन्टों में आवास की स्थापना ।

(2) अगस्तमुनी और हेलांग में मार्गस्थ सुविधाएं ।

(ख) टैन्टों में आवास मुहैया कराने संबंधी प्रस्ताव 3.58 लाख रु० की लागत पर स्वीकृत किया गया है और नन्द प्रयाग में टैन्टों में आवास की स्थापना की जा चुकी है । अन्य प्रस्तावों पर कार्रवाई की जा रही है ।

Heavy congestion at Goa Airport

1182. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for the Naval Authorities in Goa, to delay in handing over the space earmarked for expansion project of civil terminal at the airport;

(b) whether Government are aware of heavy congestion at the airport as parking-Bay can handle one Boeing and one Airbus at a time, and despite this the airport is being used by Air-India and several other foreign charter flights, which due to this area squeeze are made to taxi in the air, thus wasting precious fuel; and

(c) whether Government contemplate to have a coordination committee of his Ministry and Ministry of Defence to sort out this deadlock ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The issue of transfer of land has been resolved to the satisfaction of both, the Navy and the National Airports Authority.

(b) No doubt, at present sufficient space for two wide bodied jets is not available but there is no congestion because of charter flights as DGCA ensures proper time slots for these charter flights.

(c) Since the matter is already resolved, so there is no question of having a coordination Committee.

Handing over of prime hotel properties of I.T.D.C. to foreigners

1183. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI :

SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN :

SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA :

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the prime hotel properties under the I.T.D.C. are being handed over to the foreign chains;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of the foreign firms which have submitted their applications for setting up from Star hotels in joint venture; and

(d) by when a decision would be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) The Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with leading foreign hotel chains. Under this scheme ITDC has invited bids for participation in the equity of the joint venture companies from the foreign international hotel chains. It is, however, difficult to indicate the time by which a final decision would be taken in this regard.

Slums near Bombay Airport

1184. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that slums near airports, especially in Bombay create unhygienic conditions resulting in bird menace and also result in encroachments which make further development difficult;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take/have taken in the matter; and

(c) if no steps have been taken, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been taken up with the State Government for shifting of the unauthorised hutment dwellers from the IAAI land. 200 acres of land have been proposed for acquisition. A sum of Rs. 1 crore has already been paid to the Maharashtra Housing & Area Development Authority as advance towards development charges. However, the acquisition proceedings have been held up due to court litigation. IAAI has also deployed about 100 Security Guards for safeguarding the IAAI land and to carry out demolition of fresh encroachments, wherever possible.

(c) Does not arise.